

## **2021 Columbus Districting Commission Meeting**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Columbus Trade Center**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Members in Attendance:** Katie Bishop, Richard Boren, Henriette Cain, Judge Marc D’Antonio, Wane Hailes, Dominick Perkins, Mary Sue Polleys, U.D. Roberts, David Rohwedder, Edwin Roldan, Connie Smith, Sue Smith, Gloria Strode, C. Jerome Williams

**Members Absent:** Barbara Chambers, Oscar Daise, Byron Hickey

Staff Members: Mayor Skip Henderson, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, DCM Pam Hodge, Rick Jones, Nancy Boren, Will Johnson, David Cooper, Trey Wilkinson, Millicent Burden, Lucy Sheftall, Greg Ellington,

### **Welcome & Introductions of Board Members and Staff**

Nancy Boren, Director of Elections & Registrations

### **Swearing in of Districting Commission Members**

Mayor Skip Henderson

### **Election of Officers**

Rick Jones welcomed the commission members and shared with them the importance of this commission and their responsibility. He also shared that the next order of business was to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the committee. He stated that in previous years the Probate Judge served as the Chair and appointed Judge D’Antonio to serve with no opposition. Carl Jerome Williams was nominated as Vice Chair with no opposition.

Commission voted

- Chairperson Judge Marc D’Antonio
- Vice-Chairperson C. Jerome Williams

### **Purpose of Commission & Background Information**

Rick Jones, Director of Planning, Will Johnson, Planning Chief, David Cooper, GIS Technician

*(PowerPoint presentation available)*

- Requirements of the City Charter – Will Johnson
- Review of Existing City Council/School Board Districts
- 2020 Census Data – Rick Jones
- Mapping the Districts – Options

### **Commission Discussion of Reapportionment Efforts**

- *Staff will provide suggestions that the commission can accept or deny to assistance them with the process.*

### **Next Meeting**

Rick Jones stated that staff had already pre-planned the next couple of meetings for 10/21 & 10/28 at 10:00 a.m., but the commission had the option to approve or deny those options.

Judge D'Antonio asked that the staff provide a number of scenarios that follow the legal options for the commission to consider to include where the existing school and council districts are for the next meeting.

David Rohwedder asked for the maps to show the current numbers with the +/- of the minimum and maximum and race, broken down per district.

Those motions were presented and seconded with no opposition.

The commission also recommended that the definition of a quorum will consist of a majority plus 1, as according to Roberts Rules of Order. The motion was approved with no opposition.

Judge D'Antonio opened the floor for suggestions for meeting dates and times, or to accept the pre-planned dates. He also asked that the commission complete the assignment as soon as possible.

Judge asked that we plan the meetings for weekly until completed. Members that are unable to attend the meetings are asked to contact Millicent Burden know in advance.

Mary Sue Polleys motioned to adopt the meeting dates as planned tentatively, it was seconded and approved with no opposition

### **Adjourn**

With no further discussion needed, Judge D'Antonio adjourned the meeting at 11:36 am